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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM-REIMBURSEMENT OF ICEM FOR
SUPPORT COSTS AND REFUGEE TRANSPORTATION

REF: (A) STATE 117630, (B) STATE 124309

1. MISSION STILL WAITING FOR DETAILS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
JANUARY-MARCH 1976. INVOICE NOW BEING PREPARED IN TOTAL
AMOUNT \$54,047 INCLUDING STAFF COST OF \$44,620.

2. ICEM INFORMS THAT ALL ACCOUNTING DATA NOT YET RECEIVED
GENEVA BUT ESTIMATES APRIL SOME \$48,000 AND MAY SOME \$50,000
SO THAT FOR BUDGET PURPOSES ICEM REGARDS TOTAL \$425,000 AS
REASONABLE FOR ICEM PERSONNEL COSTS IN THAILAND CONSIDERING
THAT MANY FACTORS STILL UNKNOWN.

3. IF D/HA SEE RUN DOWN PROJECTED FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND
OCTOBER RESULTING IN REDUCTION 105,000 IN ICEM ESTIMATE,
FOLLOWINT WAS REPORTED 16 MAY BY ICEM BANGKOK AFTER DISCUSSIONS
ROSENBLATT/LOWMAN. QUOTE. THREE PHASES INTENSIVE PERIOD
JUNE/SEPTEMBER POSSIBLY OCTOBER BUT OCTOBER PROBABLY A PHASING
PERIOD AND THEN ICEM LOAN FUND PERIOD. THE STAFF REQUIRED
WILL BE ESTABLISHED WHEN DECISION IS TAKEN ON ADDITIONAL
TASKS TO BE GIVEN ICEM AFTER 30 JUNE. END QUOTE. CON-
SIDERING ALL THESE UNCERTAINTIES ICEM IS RELUCANT TO
ENTER CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT CONTINGENCY FINANCING.

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4. CONCERNING PARA 3, REF A, \$480 PER CAPITA USED BY ICEM WHICH BASED ON 1975 EXPERIENCE AND WHICH EMPLOYED TO PROTECT AGAINST MANY VARIABLES SUCH AS NUMBER OF CHILDREN/ INFANTS AND FINAL DESTINATIONS USA WITH TREND IN 1976 FOR MORE EAST COAST/MIDWEST SPONSORSHIPS. AFTER DISCUSSIONS CARLIN GENEVA ICEM HAD CONSIDERED INCREASING PER CAPITA TO \$510 SINCE CHARTERS MIGHT BE REQUIRED AND COSTS OF CHARTERS IN 1976 EXPECTED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN IN 1975 SINCE FEWER OUTBOUND FLIGHTS TO FAR EAST.

5. ICEM URGES THAT OVERALL BUDGET BE APPROVED AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY BY DEPT. WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON SERVICE CHARGE WHICH BEING DISCUSSED SPECIAL SCBF MEETING 16 JUNE. ABRAMS

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